

I'd like to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I believe that the FCC should keep all of the rules in question.

There has been a terrible concentration of ownership in the media generally, and this has been particularly extreme in the broadcast media. I believe that a diversity of ownership guarantees a diverse media, with a full spectrum of views easily available to anyone moving along the tuning dial. The dial should be a spectrum of colors, of views, not just a strip mall of pre-digested corporate mud.

Further, there should be an encouragement by your regulatory body of small power radio, public access cable, and public broadcasting, all free from regulation and monolithic administration. The public airways belong to the people, and the people should have access to them. We should easily be able to view, broadcast and receive useful information via local broadcast media.

Our country was founded as a democratic republic and historically has moved to expand the number of citizens included in it. Current trends in business are reflected in the broadcast 'industry' that are increasingly less democratic. It is your responsibility to guarantee that our democracy flourishes and that all views are given fair time. Further concentration of ownership in the broadcast media is inevitably undemocratic. It is your responsibility to prevent it.